



USDA Rural Development-Texas

Single Family Housing

Section 306C Water & Waste Disposal (WWD) Grants to Individuals

What is the Objective of 306C Water & Waste Disposal (WWD) Grants to Individuals?

The objective of the Section 306C WWD individual grant program is to facilitate the use of community water and/or waste disposal systems by the residents of colonias along the U.S./Mexico border.

What is an Eligible Grantee?

Eligible grantees must be individuals, who reside in a colonia that was recognized as a colonia before October 1, 1989. They must:

- (a) Own a dwelling located in a colonia and must present evidence of ownership
- (b) Have a total taxable income based on the latest Federal income tax form from all individuals residing in the household that is below the most recent poverty income guidelines established by the Department of Health and Human Services; and
- (c) Must not be delinquent on any Federal debt.

What can Grant Funds be used for?

Grant funds may be used to pay the reasonable costs for individuals to:

- (a) Extend service lines from the system to a residence;
- (b) Connect service lines to a residence's plumbing;
- (c) Pay reasonable charges or fees for connecting to a system;
- (d) Pay for necessary installation of plumbing and related fixtures within dwellings lacking such facilities (this is limited to one bath tub, sink, commode, kitchen sink, water heater, and outside spigot); and
- (e) Construct and/or partition off a portion of the dwelling for a bathroom, not to exceed 4.6 square meters (48 square feet) in size.

What is the Maximum Grant?

- (1) Maximum grant to any individual for water service lines, connections, and/or construction of a bathroom is \$3,500.
- (2) Maximum grant to any individual for sewer service lines, connections, and/or construction of a bathroom is \$4,000.
- (3) Lifetime assistance to any individual for initial or subsequent Section 306C WWD grants may not exceed a cumulative total of \$5,000.

Section 306C WWD grant funds may not be used to:

- (1) Pay any debt of obligation of the grantee other than obligations incurred for items listed in Section III of this appendix;
- (2) Pay individuals for their own labor; or
- (3) Pay costs that are not considered reasonable by the Agency.

A list of USDA Rural Development Offices in Texas is located on the Texas USDA Rural Development Web site www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/

This handout is intended only as a summary of the Section 306C Water and Waste Disposal Grant program. More information on the Section 306C Water and Waste Disposal Grant program can be found in USDA Rural Development Instruction HB-1-3550 Appendix 8. It is available at <http://rdinit.usda.gov/regs/handbook/1append.pdf>

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